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Dear Chief Executives

Budget 2021-22 – Indicative Allocation

Following the announcement of the Scottish Government's Budget for 2021-22 by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance in Parliament today, I am writing to provide details of the funding settlement for Health Boards. A breakdown of the total is provided in **Annex A** to this letter.

The immediate priority of the budget is to support our response to the pandemic and take forward delivery of the key ambitions set out in the Programme for Government.

The position set out in this letter is subject to any amendments agreed through the Scottish Parliament's Budget Bill process, and may also require to be updated to reflect the UK Government's Budget on 3 March. I will keep you up to date with any changes to your planning assumptions.

Baseline Funding

All Boards will receive a baseline uplift of 1.5%. In addition, those Boards furthest from NRAC parity will receive a share of £30.2 million, which will continue to maintain all Boards within 0.8% of NRAC parity.

In terms of pay, initial funding has been allocated in line with the Scottish Public Sector Pay Policy for planning purposes. This will be used as an anchor point in the forthcoming Agenda for Change pay settlement and funding arrangements for Boards will be revisited by the Scottish Government in line with the outcome of the pay negotiations.

The funding position continues to assume that the £15 million of National Board savings are fully delivered in 2021-22 and that further progress is made in National Boards collaborating to deliver service improvement and further savings. Whilst we have taken account of the

particular challenges in delivering this in full in 2020-21, I expect National Boards to identify sufficient recurring measures to address this position going forward.

Covid-19 Funding

Additional funding of £869 million will be provided to support the ongoing response to the pandemic, and we will develop our approach to allocating this funding on receipt of remobilisation plans due at the end of February. While we anticipate that further Covid funding will be provided by the UK Government, this tranche of funding should provide sufficient assurance for continuing with key programmes of work, such as vaccinations and Test and Protect.

Investment in Improving Patient Outcomes

In addition to the baseline funding uplift, a total of £595.9 million will be invested in improving patient outcomes in 2021-22, as set out below:

Improving patient outcomes	2020-21 Investment in reform (£m)	2021-22 Investment in reform (£m)	Increase for 2021-22 (£m)
Primary Care	205	250	45
Waiting Times	136	136	-
Mental Health and CAMHS	89	111.1	22.1
Trauma Networks	31	37.8	6.8
Drugs Deaths	11	61	50
TOTAL	472	595.9	123.9

When combining the £123.9 million increase in investment in reform with an increase of £193 million in baseline funding for frontline NHS Boards, the total initial additional funding for frontline NHS Boards will amount to £316.9 million (2.8 per cent) in 2021-22. Further detail is set out in **Annex A**.

Full details of the method of allocation and evidence of delivering against agreed outcomes will be set out by individual policy areas.

Core Areas of Investment

Primary Care

Investment in the Primary Care Fund will increase to £250 million in 2021-22. This will support the delivery of the new GP contract and wider Primary Care reform and continued development of new models of primary care.

We will maintain Covid-19 funding support for Community Hubs while they are still required. This is alongside our continued support for multi-disciplinary teams, which are supporting GPs to fulfil their role as expert medical generalists in the community.

Support for Waiting Times

Investment of £136 million will again be provided for investment in addressing waiting times. Whilst progress had been made in reducing waiting times in recent years, the response to the pandemic has interrupted this progress. In addition to this funding, we will consider the provision of further funding beyond this level in order to support the remobilisation of elective care as part of NHS Board remobilisation plans and reduce the backlog.

Included within the funding is £136 million, is £10 million for winter 2021-22, to allow Boards maximum opportunity to plan as appropriate.

Mental Health and CAMHS

Funding of £111.1 million will be directed to a range of partners for investment to support mental health, and children and young people's mental health. This funding will underpin our continued approach to improving mental health services and support for children, young people and adults.

As part of the 2021-22 budget we are providing £15 million to support the continued establishment of new Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Services. While the pandemic has had an impact on the planning and development of those services, we are working with local authorities to ensure they are ready to start supporting children, young people and their families as soon as possible, with support available across all 32 local authorities in 2021.

The Mental Health Transition and Recovery Plan outlines the Scottish Government's response to the mental health impacts of COVID-19 and further funding will be provided from the £869 million COVID-19 funding to support Boards and Integration Authorities in meeting these challenges.

Trauma Networks

This funding will increase from £31 million to £37.8 million, taking forward the implementation of the major trauma networks.

Alcohol and drugs

The 2021-22 Portfolio budget provides an additional £50 million targeted towards reducing drugs deaths. This forms part of a total of funding of £250 million over the next five years and will support further investment in a range of community-based interventions, including primary prevention and expansion of residential rehabilitation.

Reform Funding

This budget prioritises baseline funding, along with increased investment in particular areas of reform that will improve patient outcomes and funding for the response to the Covid pandemic. We will however continue to work with colleagues to agree investment in specific programmes of work, as well as in-year funding to support the strategies of NHS 24 and Scottish Ambulance Service, which will have a wider benefit to the sector.

Health and Social Care Integration

In 2021-22, NHS payments to Integration Authorities for delegated health functions must deliver an uplift of at least 1.5% over 2020-21 agreed recurring budgets.

In addition to this, and separate from the Board Funding uplift, the Health Portfolio will invest a further £72.6 million in Local Authorities for investment in adult social care and integration. This takes the total funding transferred from the health portfolio to £883 million in 2021-22. The additional £72.6 million will support delivery of the Living Wage (£34 million), continued implementation of the Carers Act (£28.5 million) and uprating of free personal care (£10.1 million).

The funding allocated to Integration Authorities should be additional and not substitutional to each Council's 2020-21 recurring budgets for adult social care services that are delegated.

Therefore, Local Authority adult social care budgets for allocation to Integration Authorities must be £72.6 million greater than 2020-21 recurring budgets.

Capital Funding

Boards should assume an unchanged initial capital formula allocation, with additional investment planned for the elective centres and Baird Family Hospital and Anchor Centre in Aberdeen.

2021/22 Financial Plan

We will continue to engage with Boards to finalise Remobilisation Plans and the development of one year financial plans and I hope the information contained in this letter is helpful in the finalising of these plans. We plan to revisit three year financial plans when the NHS is no longer on an emergency footing.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A – Board Funding Uplifts

NHS Territorial Boards	2020-21 Allocation	Recurring Allocations	Total 2020-21 Allocation	Uplift incl NRAC	Uplift incl NRAC	2021-22 Total Allocation	NRAC Funding	Distance from NRAC parity
	£m	£m	£m	£m	%	£m	£m	%
Ayrshire and Arran	762.4	(0.6)	761.8	12.7	1.7%	774.5	1.2	-0.8%
Borders	219.8	(0.4)	219.4	3.3	1.5%	222.7	-	-0.8%
Dumfries and Galloway	316.1	(0.3)	315.8	4.7	1.5%	320.6	-	1.5%
Fife	701.5	(1.3)	700.2	12.4	1.8%	712.6	1.9	-0.8%
Forth Valley	558.7	(1.0)	557.7	11.8	2.1%	569.4	3.4	-0.8%
Grampian	1,013.5	(0.8)	1,012.7	15.2	1.5%	1,027.9	-	0.1%
Greater Glasgow and Clyde	2,364.7	(2.0)	2,362.7	35.4	1.5%	2,398.1	-	1.8%
Highland	666.0	(0.6)	665.5	26.4	4.0%	691.9	16.4	-0.8%
Lanarkshire	1,268.1	(1.1)	1,267.1	19.0	1.5%	1,286.1	-	-0.8%
Lothian	1,540.1	0.4	1,540.5	29.0	1.9%	1,569.5	5.9	-0.8%
Orkney	52.6	(0.0)	52.6	2.2	4.2%	54.8	1.4	-0.8%
Shetland	53.9	(0.0)	53.8	0.8	1.5%	54.6	-	0.4%
Tayside	808.5	(0.7)	807.8	12.1	1.5%	819.9	-	-0.8%
Western Isles	80.0	(0.1)	79.9	1.2	1.5%	81.1	-	10.6%
	10,405.9	(8.5)	10,397.5	186.2	1.8%	10,583.7	30.2	
NHS National Boards								
National Waiting Times Centre	60.0	-	60.0	0.9	1.5%	60.9		
Scottish Ambulance Service	278.4	1.1	279.5	4.2	1.5%	283.7		
The State Hospital	37.6	-	37.6	0.6	1.5%	38.1		
NHS 24	72.7	-	72.7	1.1	1.5%	73.8		
NHS Education for Scotland*	461.5	0.2	461.7	9.9	2.1%	471.7		
NHS National Services Scotland	327.7	8.7	336.4	5.0	1.5%	341.4		
Healthcare Improvement Scotland	26.3	0.9	27.1	0.4	1.5%	27.5		
Public Health Scotland	47.9	-	47.9	0.7	1.5%	48.6		
Nationals Total	1,312.1	11.0	1,323.1	22.8	1.7%	1,345.9		
Total NHS Boards	11,718.0	2.5	11,720.6	209.1	1.8%	11,929.6		
Improving Patient Outcomes	472.0		472.0	123.9		595.9		
Total Frontline NHS Boards**	11,326.6	(7.3)	11,319.3	316.9	2.8%	11,636.2		

*The uplift for NHS Education for Scotland includes recurring funding for training grades

** Frontline NHS Boards comprise the 14 NHS Territorial Boards, National Waiting Times Centre, Scottish Ambulance Service, State Hospital and NHS 24